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In response to an advisory action mailed on 03-26-2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20071127) regarding the above-identified U.S. utility patent application, the Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

On 11-26-2007, the Applicant filed a response to a final office action mailed on 09-24-2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070831). The Applicant's response to the final office action, filed via EFS within 2 months of the mailing date of the final office action, was filed on 11-26-2007 and has EFS ID# 2505717.

The Applicant notices that the advisory action is "Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20071127", indicating it should perhaps have been mailed in the approximate November 2007 time-frame (e.g., "20071127"), but for some reason it was mailed by the USPTO only on 03-26-2008 (approximately 4 months after the Applicant filed its response to the final office action filed via EFS on 11-26-2007 is EFS ID# 2505717). The mailing date of the final office action was 09-24-2007, and the mailing date of the advisory action was 03-26-2008 (even though the Applicant filed its response to the final office action within 2 months of the mailing date of the final office action).

Nonetheless, the Applicant is submitting this RCE in response to the advisory action mailed on 03-26-2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20071127).

The Applicant is also submitting herewith a petition for extension of time (1 month) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) along with payment of the appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

The Applicant respectfully requests that the previously filed response to the final office action filed via EFS on 11-26-2007 (EFS ID# 2505717) be entered in accordance with this RCE.

As indicated within the advisory action, the due date for responding to the advisory action expires on the mailing date of the advisory action mailed on 03-26-2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20071127), namely, 03-26-2008. With the petition for extension of time (1 month), the Applicant respectfully believes that this RCE, being filed on 04-08-2008, is timely filed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present U.S. utility patent application.

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